

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN FOREIGN TOURISTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether foreign tourist traffic in India is dwindling year after year affecting the country's economy badly;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have made any study to find out the reasons for this decrease;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (d) the number of foreign tourists who visited India in 2000, 2001 and 2002;
- (e) the India's share in the world tourism market;
- (f) whether the Government have formulated any plan for development of tourism during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a): Foreign tourist arrival into the country increased from 1.71 million in 1990 to 2.65 in 2000. However, there has been decline in arrival in 2001 and 2002. A revival trend has set in from October 2002 onwards.

(b) and (c): The tourist traffic in 2001 and 2002 declined due to a number of reasons including overall global economic down trend, September 11 incident in the USA, war in Afghanistan, terrorist attack on Indian Parliament, tension on Indo-Pak border and the travel advisories issued by a number of foreign Governments.

(d): The number of foreign tourists who visited India in 2000, 2001 and 2002 are 2.65 million, 2.54 million and 2.36 million respectively. In the last three months of the year, there has been an upward swing of about 14%.

(e): India's share in world tourism market has been around 0.38% during the last few years.

(f) & (g): The Department of Tourism, Govt. of India, has formulated new schemes for development and promotion of tourism which include integrated development of tourist circuits, product/infrastructure & destination development, large revenue generating products and capacity building.